

Dear sir,

I favor cellular number portability. In this age of technology, moving a number between carriers should be a trivial task, should the cellular company desires to allow it.

TH ereasons I favor it are as follows:

1. Phone numbers are scarce in some area codes and have required "overlays". THis will reduce the abandoned numbers.
2. Changing a phone number is expensive. When you consider the out of pocket costs to change business cards and the time to notify all of your contacts this amounts to several hundered dollars. There are also the uncalculated costs of pepole trying to reach you that you forgot to notify. These people could be customers trying to contact you to place an order.
3. If wireless providers provide excellent service - price, features and coverage, a consumer will have no incentive to change providers. It would then seem those who do not want number portability, are admitting they have a problem keeping customers.

Please mandate number portability as we now have on landline phones.

Thanks..... Tim Pender